



**COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE**  
**Meeting Summary Full Commission**  
**July 20, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Hashan Chowdhury, Blaise DeFazio, Diana Holzberger, Yvonne Iscandari, Linda Janulis, Edward Krauze, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith, Barbara Warman, Mayme Claire Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Brigid Howe, April Kaplan, Claudia Simmons, and Mayme Claire Williams

**STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Stillwell, DHHS

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Lynn Sobolov (standing in for April Kaplan from the Collaboration Council) and Shaun Rose

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**Ed Krauze called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.**

**CHAIR'S REPORT (Ed Krauze)**

- Goal for the full commission meeting is:
  - Discussed language for proposed recommendations to be included in annual report; feedback from the committees during Committee Reports
  - Discuss proposed priorities

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Programmatic Issues and Public Policy Joint Conversation on Recommendations and Priorities:**

- **Recommendation 1 Feedback:**
  - Clear, bold statement needed at the beginning
  - Need to acknowledge changes made to WPA were based on work group recommendations
  - Provide a graphic (chart) that compared data
  - Provide information on the self-sufficient standard vs. the cost of having 2 children in child care in Montgomery County
  - Acknowledge County Council's support of increase funding, but unintended negative consequences to families
  - Continue to recommend updating income guideline and increase funding

- **Recommendation 2 Feedback:**
  - Perform post audit review
  - Continue to validate consolidation of CCIPS
  - Any action taken on child care in public space should be informed by the strategic plan and/or policy officer
- **Priorities Feedback:**
  - Continue to work on recommendations for WPA
  - Continue to monitor CUPF
  - Have a community engagement activity (e.g. legislative breakfast, listening tour, etc.) to teach community about “day in the life” of child care
    - Plan to host in January 2017 (not on a Monday or Friday)

**ACTION:** Approval of the meeting summary from May 18, 2016; all in favor.

## **UPDATES**

### **Child Care Subsidy Program (Yvonne Iscandari)**

- WPA program currently has a waitlist
- Currently 573 children being served
- HHS administration and WPA staff will review the waitlist every 90 days to look for natural attrition
- Currently 81 children on the waitlist

### **Early Childhood Coordination Council (Dr. Barbara Andrews)**

- Working on writing annual report
- Goal is to increase communication between child care and early education community and MCPS
- Need to engage parents, providers and pediatricians

### **County and State Budget Updates (Dr. Barbara Andrews)**

- **FY17 Budget Highlights**
  - Kennedy Cluster Project was fully funded
  - Additional staff can be hired as full funding has been received from child care bill

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Linda Janulis announced her resignation from CCC; she is retiring and moving out of state
- Ed Krauze shared that he attended the B/C/C Quarterly Meeting with Uma on June 27, 2016; shared CCC concern about possible minimum wage increase and the unintended impact this might have on the child care community

- Shaun Rose attended the joint commission on children, youth and families with Sen. King and Del. Kelly-both appear very interested in learning more about the issues with child care from parents and providers
- Shaun Rose shared that a Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland State Child Care Association was recently formed
- Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta shared that Montgomery Moving Forward is interested in exploring the issue of child care and will begin information gathering over the next few months

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**